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The Honorable Richard Nixon
1035 Pacific Mutual Building
523 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Dick:

I deeply appreciated your letter of 6 October. It will be quite a wrench to leave this job but I feel that for many reasons this is a good time to turn over the work to a successor, and I feel that we are all fortunate that John McCone will be carrying on here.

We shall be working together for the next month or so before he takes over and probably shall make a trip abroad together so that he can get some idea of our particular problems and our assets.

I have no very definite plans for the future but I may well resume law practice with the old firm in New York, and I may also do some writing, not about my work here, but more probably an analysis of what I have learned over the last ten years about the nature of the Communist threat and the apparatus they have developed to project it against us.

At any rate I should welcome a chance to talk with you. If I get to California, I shall let you know and would hope you would give me a call if you are in the East.

Clover joins me in sending all our best wishes to Pat and to you.

Sincerely,

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